

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO : Chief, Soviet Russia Division
ATTN: ☐ ☒ SR/O/AC
FROM : Acting Chief, Alien Affairs Staff
SUBJECT: Alfred LAUNAGS

DATE: 11 August 1965

1. Attached is copy of letter written by subject dated 20 May 1965 addressed to the President and copy of which has been received by this Office through liaison channels from Immigration and Naturalization Service.

2. This Office has advised I&NS subject was formerly employed in a contract capacity and was terminated in late 1959, after showing evidence of emotional instability and disturbance. He was asked to find suitable outside employment. He is of continued interest to this Agency.

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Attachment.

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275 E. 201 St. Apt. B
Bronx, N.Y. 10458
May 20, 1965

My dear Mr. President:

Almost 13 years ago I entered this country with the understanding - on my part - that it would assist me in my determination to liberate my native country and return to Latvia with my family when the time will be ripe. Meanwhile much has happened, many views I had then have been changed and what I thought to be truth turned out to be a myth or my foolish assumptions.

In 1958 I requested USA citizenship and obtained it - as I understand from the Naturalization Certificate I possess - though this change was done mainly because it seemed to be necessary for the furthering of the primary - above mentioned - goal. At that time I was also employed by the USA Government (or so I was told at least); this position was terminated in December, 1959.

Now I am unemployed, almost without any means; my family life is ruined, and I wonder - very much so - whether my native country Latvia is still under foreign occupation and if so - whether the conditions there have not changed to such extent that my return there would end this mutually worsening relationship here between your people and me.

Considering all this, I humbly request to hear from your office answers to the following questions:

- 1/ is Latvia an independent state - with a recognized legation here - or is it ruled by a foreign power and, if so, is this power an adversary or an ally of the USA;
- 2/ did I and my wife obtain USA citizenship in 1958 or not - since there were some circumstances which make me doubt;
- 3/ if I am a citizen of the USA and of any use to this country - though it seems very questionable just now - wouldn't it be far better to send me on a special mission to Latvia to further goodwill toward the USA there and let me work in a field I know and about which I care most of all;
- 4/ if I owe to these States anything - which might delay my departure - isn't this fiscal debt sufficiently counterbalanced by the fun I provided to this country and its people during the years I have spent here;
- 5/ since much of the above mentioned might be a product of my too lively imagination and since I am supposed to look every day for a gainful employment, don't you have a vacancy at the White House for a gardener's assistant?

Expressing my sincere gratitude to this benevolent country and her hospitable people as well as wishing successful pursuit of happiness to you and your family

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